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COLUMNPackey McFarland Has Nerve  
Layout for To-Night and To-Morrow Night.

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PACKEY McFARLAND has the divine gift of self-confidence that belongs to a champion. If ever a fighter had it, some fighters it might be called conceit. But McFarland is McFarland, and that's an excuse in itself.

To-night Packey is to fight ten rounds—unless it happens to be less—with a young New York youngster known as Billy Gibbons. This youngster is a real fighter and is a pretty good one. As soon as he finishes his work, he has his cold shower and rub down, and then he is to rush for a midnight train to Philadelphia. There, to-morrow night, he is to box a six-round bout with Young Ernie.

There is a somewhat nerve lay-out, even for McFarland. This Burns has a record that marks him as a dangerous ring-fighter. It is supposed that he'll enter the ring weighing about 135 pounds, the required weight. Yesterday McFarland weighed exactly 135-4 pounds, according to Billy Gibbons, who is a pretty person. Packey has been training pretty well, having this double engagement in consideration. He usually weighs about 140, although he can make a couple of pounds less when he has to.

The two or three pounds difference in weight amounts to nothing, as neither has been weakened by taking off necessary flesh. The thing that does count is the fact that Burns can fight. He has won his last eighteen bouts, some with knockouts and some on a technical decision. The "popular" decision. And he has been fighting the best boys of his weight in the city. That is some of them. There are others who decline to meet him. He was given this chance to trade punches with McFarland because he recently defeated a good local lad known as Young Ernie. He is a pretty good one, and he is supposed to be the only young gentleman of the weight in this vicinity who can coax to step between the ropes while McFarland was in the ring. Lots of boys were perfectly willing to be in the ring with Packey, but they had a preference for appearing in ordinary attire, and being introduced as future challengers.

The McFarland match with Young Ernie to-morrow night is to be held "providing that no accident prevents McFarland's appearance." Young Mr. Burns, hopes to provide the "accident." If he succeeds he can go right out and make his fortune.

Young Ernie, they say, never boxed as well before as he is boxing now. He picked up a lot of confidence not long ago when he fought Mike Gibbons, the gentleman who put St. Paul, Minn., on the map. He hopes to get more reputation at the McFarland expense. Young Ernie and Packey are to weigh in at 140 pounds.

ANOTHER spectacular conflict will come off to-morrow night at the Empire A. C., when Mike Gibbons meets Young Cashman, another New York fighter. Cashman told me yesterday that he weighs exactly 145 pounds, which marks him as a genuine New Yorker. His parents were born in Ireland, in the little town of Killybeg, but "Mike" (his real name) is a Fourth Ward product. When he was a year old his people took him to Ireland and let him live a year in Killybeg, just to bring him up with a smack of the proper atmosphere. This childhood influence shows in his fighting, for he is a real Peter Maher, waiting for a real Peter Maher waiting. Cashman is not a very fast or clever boxer, but he is effective. He began fighting only a year ago, at the age of eighteen. He has fought thirty-five battles, winning twenty-four of them with knockouts. The battle of the two Mike's is quite likely to be interesting.

"What will you do if you knock Gibbons out?" I asked Cashman.

"Make a lot of money," said Mike, promptly. "But it's too soon to talk about that," he added. "I'm only going to think about landing on him just now. I'll have to land on him before anything happens. He may land on me."

I HAVE a letter from a Los Angeles friend who tells me that Jeffries is quietly doing a lot of hard training, but that when asked why he is doing it, he said: "Well, if you will twenty or thirty miles a day over the mountains after game training, I suppose I am." The writer adds that Jeffries is looking brown and doesn't carry a pound of fat, and that he's sure the big fellow is boxing and punching the bag for an hour or two every day in the privacy of his barn, with the doors closed and barred on the inside, and that Jeff has begun taking in the night.

Los Angeles "sports" have an idea that Jeffries intends to fight again. I don't believe it. Last time I saw Jeffries, after the Reno fight, he said: "I never get a chance to prove that I was a champion before I fought Johnson. I'll give the facts in every detail to the public, and then I'll go after him and make him fight me again. If I don't get that proof I'll never have a word to say about fighting again as long as I live."

Up to date, not a word of the "Moss" has ever come from Jeffries him-

## IF PACKEY SHOULD MEET WITH AN "ACCIDENT"

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Conkling Leads Cueists  
in National TournamentSTANDING OF PLAYERS  
AT NATIONAL BILLIARDS.

Player	W.	L.
Conkling	3	1
Poggenburg	3	1
Brown	3	1
Collins	3	1
Mayer	3	1
Uffenthaler	3	1
Douglas	0	4

## To-Day's Schedule.

Uffenthaler vs. Douglas, afternoon; Brown vs. Conkling, evening.

J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, former champion, sprung a surprise by the way manner in which he defeated Percy Collins, the brilliant young Chicago player, in the class A amateur national billiard tournament at the Hanover Club of Brooklyn, the score being 400 to 212. Joseph Mayer of Philadelphia won handsily over Dr. Walter G. Douglas in the afternoon match by a score of 400 to 241, following the best form he has displayed so far.

The scoring in the Poggenburg-Collins match was done as follows:

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